



## NEWSFLASH:

### HEARTWORM FOUND IN DOGS IN BENALLA, MANSFIELD, BEECHWORTH AND DEDERANG

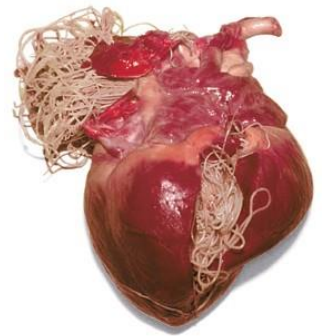
You may be asking yourself 'do I really need to be concerned about Heartworm'?

- **Yes, you really do.**
- Infection with **heartworm is fatal** – causing **heart failure** symptoms in your dog
- It is spread by **mosquitoes** and we've now had **confirmed cases** of dogs with heartworm in **Benalla, Mansfield, Beechworth** and **Dederang**. It's no longer something only to be worried about if you travel with your dog.
- **Treatment** involves **lengthy stays in hospital**, large **expenses** and your dog **may not survive**

It is recommended that **all dogs in Australia** be on **heartworm prevention all year round**

So, how well protected is your dog?

- There are many monthly tablets and spot-ons out there, but unfortunately **40% of dogs that tested positive** in the Heartworm Surveillance Project **were on some type of monthly prevention**. It's **easy to forget** a monthly dose, or even just be **a little late** – and a **mosquito doesn't need long** to bite.



**The best way to keep your dog protected** is a **once a year injection** - it's **quick, easy** and **you don't need to worry** about remembering monthly doses!

- **Dogs under 7 months** can go straight onto it and **dogs older than 7 months** just need a blood test to make sure they aren't already infected with heartworm (this test is repeated in 6 months).

In **November & December** we can do this first blood test for you **at no charge** when you then go on to the yearly injection. **(That'll save you \$85!)**

**Call us on 0357 214 000** to book in for your **free blood test** before the **end of December**.

**P.S. – do your dog owning friends a favour and make sure their dogs are protected too!**